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ACCRA FOR HOROWITZ

E.O. 1L652: GDS
TAGS: PLAB, ILO, FR, UK
SUBJECT: ILO STRUCTURE AND THE US

1. JEAN CLAUDE FORTUIT, QUAI OFFICER IN CHARGE OF
ILO MATTERS, GAVE LABATT THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF
REPORTS HE HAD ABOUT WHAT TRANSPIRED IN THE EC-9 MEET-
ING OF 12 JANUARY IN GENEVA.

(A) AS INSTRUCTED THE GOF REPRESENTATIVE, M. DELARBRE,
ADVISED THE GROUP OF THE HOROWITZ VISIT TO PARIS,
HIS REPORT THAT THE US IS OPPOSED TO ANY ATTEMPTS TO
CHANGE THE GB COMPOSITION AND OF FRANCE'S APPRECIATION
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AND AGREEMENT WITH THE REASONS BEHIND THE US POSITION.

(B) DELARBRE ADDED THAT FRANCE NOT BEING A MEMBER OF
THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE DOES NOT FEEL UNDER
OBLIGATION TO TAKE A POSITION ON WHAT IS HAPPENING
IN THE WORKING PARTY INCLUDING PROCEDURES OF OPERATION
AND TIMING OF ITS MEETINGS. AFTER MAKING THESE

STATEMENTS DELARBRE LEFT THE EC-9 MEETING.

(C) ACCORDING TO FORTUIT THE EC-8 CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE BASIS OF STATEMENTS MADE BY AGO AND FORWARD TO THE EFFECT THAT THE US POSITION WAS NOT AS FIRM AND HARD AS DELARBRE DESCRIBED IT AND THAT ON THE CONTRARY THE US DOES NOT OBJECT TO THE QUESTION OF STRUCTURE BEING DISCUSSED AND EXPLORED. AS A RESULT THE AGO PLAN AND POSSIBLE VARIANTS OF IT WERE DISCUSSED BUT NOT IN GREAT DETAIL NOR WITH THE INTENT OF REACHING CONCLUSIONS. FORTUIT DID NOT HAVE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON HOW THE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE GROUP LINED UP ON THE AGO PROPOSALS.

(D) AT THE SUGGESTION OF AGO AND FORWARD IT WAS TENTATIVELY AGREED FOR THE EC-9 TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH HOROWITZ ON 6 FEBRUARY AND AT THE SAME TIME FOR AGO AND FORWARD TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH VENTEJOL. FORTUIT RAISED HIS EYEBROWS AS HE MENTIONED THAT AND, AS THOUGH TO UNDERSCORE GO OF OPPOSITION TO THIS TYPE OF ARRANGEMENTS, HE SAID THAT THE QUAI HAS ASKED THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO GENEVA, FROMENT LAURENT, TO COME TO PARIS ON 24 JANUARY FOR CONSULTATIONS.

2. ASKED WHETHER THE EC-8 DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF POSTPONEMENT OF THE 7 FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY, FORTUIT SAID THAT THIS WAS DISCUSSED INCONCLUSIVELY BUT AGO'S VIEW THAT SUCH A POSTPONEMENT WOULD LOOK "HIGH-HANDED" TO THE GROUP OF 77 CARRIED
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CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT IN THE MEETING. FORTUIT TOOK
THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPEAT THE GOF POSITION THAT
GOF DOES NOT SEE ANY TACTICAL ADVANTAGE IN SEEKING
THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE 7 FEBRUARY MEETING.

3. SUBSTANCE OF FOREGOING WAS CONFIRMED IN A
SEPARATE CONVERSATION BETWEEN IRVING BROWN AND
VENTEJOL. ACCORDING TO BROWN, VENTEJOL WAS REASSURED
BY THE FIRM POSITION THE QUAI HAS TAKEN ON THE
STRUCTURE ISSUE AND TOLD BROWN THAT HE WILL DO HIS
BEST TO DEFEND THE STATUS QUO. BROWN TOO FEELS THAT
VENTEJOL'S GENTLE PERSONALITY MUST BE AT THE ROOT OF
THE BELIEF BY AGO AND FORWARD THAT IF THEY KEEP
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TALKING THEY MIGHT BRING VENTEJOL AROUND TO SEEING AT
LEAST SOME MERIT IN THE AGO PLAN.

4. FORTUIT READING FROM A TELEGRAM FROM THE FRENCH
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TOOK OBVIOUS PLEASURE IN UNDER-
SCORING THE FRENCH EMBASSY'S REPORT THAT USG (DANIEL
GOOD IN SI/L) HAD EXPRESSED SATISFACTION FOR THE
SITUATION WHERE US AND FRANCE FIND THEMSELVES IN
AGREEMENT ON THE ILO STRUCTURE ISSUE. THE FRENCH
EMBASSY HAD ALSO TAKEN NOTE OF GOOD'S ASSURANCE THAT
THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE THE FORD
ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON ILO. (COMMENT: WE HAVE
REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT AGO HAS BEEN ALLEGING THAT
USG IS NOT SERIOUS ABOUT LEAVING ILO AND THEREFORE
QUESTIONS OF STRUCTURE, ETC. SHOULD BE EXAMINED AND
RESOLVED WITHOUT FEAR THAT THEY CAN BECOME CAUSE OF

US WITHDRAWAL. HENCE GOF'S CONCERN TO BE ASSURED
THAT THE POLICY EXPRESSED IN THE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. THEY
HAVE RECEIVED IN PARIS AFFIRMATIVE ANSWERS TO THEIR
QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT FROM HOROWITZ AND THE LABOR
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